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Third Sunday Of Lent

Living Water

In the desert heat, a bush aflame Yet not consumed, a mystery proclaimed. "Take off your shoes," the voice declared, "This ground is holy," where I AM prepared To free His people from their chains, To lead them home through desert plains.

A cloud by day, the sea made dry, Water from stone as years went by. That rock was Christ, Paul reminds us all, A lesson learned from those who fall: Despite God's mercy, vast and wide, Many still wandered, complained, and died.

By Jacob's well in Samaria's heat, A woman and Messiah chance to meet.
"Give me a drink," the teacher said,
Breaking traditions long embedded. "Living water I offer free, Never to thirst eternally."

"I AM" speaks still in burning flames, In desert rocks and ancient names,
In wells where strangers pause to rest, In truths that leave us souls refreshed.
The water flows for all who thirst— For those considered last or first.

The Lord, compassion and mercy crowned, Makes springs of hope in barren ground.
From Moses' awe to woman's grace, God's love transcends both time and place,
Flowing like rivers, deep and true, Creating every heart anew.

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Mass Times 3rd Week of Lent.

No Mass Monday

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Carrigeen

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

Thursday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nagle Chapel to 12 noon

Friday 9.30 a.m.

Feast Day: Tuesday, 25th March is The Annunciation of the Lord.

Library is calling out for new members for our Irish Circle which meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. Maybe Seachtain na Gaeilge might encourage you to bain triail as. So even if you haven't used it since your school days and have little more than a cúpla focal we extend a céad míle fáilte. For more information ring 051 897200

Pastoral Area Evening Of Reflection for all Ministers of the word (readers) on Thursday 27th March @ 7.30pm in the Nagle Chapel

Painting Mooncoin Church. Tender documents have been sent to painters requesting a quotation to paint the interior of Mooncoin Church. The closing date for quotes is Friday 28th March. If you know of any painter who might be interested, please let me know and we will invite them to tender

NB: The parish office will re-open on Monday 24th March @ 9.45am.

RECENTLY DECEASED: James Ludwick, Barronswood/Toronto
Relative of the Gilmartin Family, Barronswood

ANNIVERSARIES: Baby Amber Rose Cody, Roseleigh {1st Anniversary}
Eamonn Walsh, Mooncoin Heights. Jackie Lannon, Suir Crescent. Norrie Foley Main St, Carmel Drohan, Clonmel.

1st ANNIVERSARY MASS for Helen Murray on Sunday 30th March @ 8.50am in Carrigeen Church

**Sharing the Good News - Pilgrims of Hope
Iubhaile 2025 - Oilithrigh an Dóchais**

Scripture Message : 3rd Sunday of Lent.

During this Lenten season in our Jubilee Year of Hope, God reveals himself as the compassionate "I AM," offering us living water through Jesus Christ. Like Moses at the burning bush and the Samaritan woman at the well, we encounter a God who knows our struggles, quenches our spiritual thirst, and promises eternal life. A Christian Action for this week Show a random act of kindness to another, especially to someone who doesn't expect you to help, just as Jesus reached out to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Lenten Stations 2025 for the Priests:

As you maybe aware the priests are financed from what comes in at Christmas/Lent/Easter/June/October Stations and November Offering. You might kindly return the Lenten Station envelope to the church at any of the weekend Masses. We the priests thank you all most sincerely for your support to us both personally and financially and thank you all for your kindness to us.

Fr Patsy Kelly MSC . Retreat weekend in the Nagle Chapel Mooncoin. 28th, 29th & 30th March 2025. All are welcome.

Trocaire Boxes are available in all our churches. Bishop Coll encourages us to support the needy and poor this year.

The Drug Awareness Group is hold a "Parents Information Night" which will take place on Thursday, 27th March, at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. Tea/Coffee and refreshments will be served afterward. This is open to all parents but will be a great help, giving guidance to parents as they prepare with their child to transition from primary school to secondary school.

Mooncoin Women's Group are hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the **local St. Vincent de Paul** on Tuesday 8th April in the Parish Hall from 10am - 12pm. Any donations towards the raffle or buns/cakes are most welcome. Contact any members of the Women's Group or contact the Parish Hall office. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa.

Mooncoin Residential Care Centre are recruiting for Housekeeping staff, approx 30 hours per week. Please forward your CV and cover letter to: Laura Hearne, Mooncoin Residential Care Centre, Polerone Rd., Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, X91 T638. Applications can also be emailed to info@mooncoincc.ie

Safeguarding in the Diocese of Ossory and Parish of Mooncoin
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Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
Katherine Hogan Miriam Grace Marian Walsh c/o Parish Office

Mooncoin	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Flower Group	March	Rene Comerford Joan Foskin		
Readers	29th March	Eileen McGrath Noreen Quilty	30th March	Teresa Connolly Olivia Doyle
Eucharistic Ministers	29th March	Lucy Quinn Paul Butler	30th March	Tom Grant Kathleen O'Brien
Carrigeen	Date/Time	Names	Date/Time	Names
Cleaners	29th March	Yvonne Pheasey	Susan O'Mahoney	
Readers	30th March	Communion Parents & Children		
Collectors	30th March	Marian Walsh	Catherine Darmody	
Eucharistic Ministers	30th March	Declan Walsh	Teresa O'Neill	
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Readers	13th April	Jackie Murphy		
Cleaners	March	Comerford Family		
Eucharistic Ministers	30th March	Katherine Hogan		